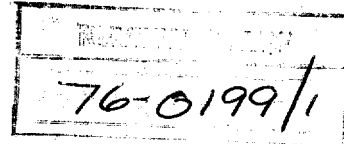


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Mr. A. Searle Field
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House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

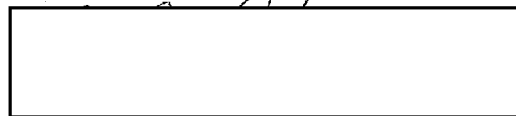
Dear Mr. Field:

I have been informed that you have requested a copy of an unclassified paper entitled "Constitutional and Statutory Authority to Conduct Foreign Intelligence Activities." That paper is enclosed. This is to advise you that this paper was prepared by a lawyer and three student lawyers, all of whom were under contract to the Intelligence Community Staff to do unclassified research. The paper presented one point of view; it was not prepared under my supervision and never received official sanction as legal advice to the Director from the General Counsel.

I also enclose for your information [redacted] memorandum of law dated 24 October 1975 which I understand you already have a copy. Additionally, I understand that you have a copy of another unclassified paper on the general subject dated February 1975, entitled "The Use of Classical Espionage, Electronic Surveillance and Covert Action Under International Law and Pursuant to the Commander-in-Chief and Foreign Affairs Powers of the President," which was prepared under the supervision of this Office. In any event I am enclosing a copy for your convenience.

I want to assure you that the views expressed by [redacted] are consistent with Agency views, not only as reflected in our February 1975 memorandum, but also in other positions and memoranda prepared on other occasions. There are no "secret conclusions" that conflict with the public statements.

Sincerely,



John S. Warner
General Counsel

Enclosures

